

SENATE BILL 550
By Clabough

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-413, relative to methods of preventing the sale of alcohol to persons prohibited from purchasing alcohol.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-413, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) It is not a violation of §§ 39-15-404, 39-15-410, 39-17-401 - 39-17-427, 39-17-901 - 39-17-908, 39-17-911, 39-17-914, 39-17-918, 39-17-1003 - 39-17-1005, 39-17-1501 - 39-17-1508, or any other offense providing a prohibition for use of or sales to a minor, for a law enforcement officer, or merchants in the business of selling alcohol, to use or send a minor, or in the case of alcohol a person under twenty-one (21) years of age, to purchase smoking material, smoking paraphernalia, any smokeless tobacco product, alcohol, illegal drugs or any other prohibited material for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of laws prohibiting sales, or for use in an in-house attempt by the merchant to prevent such sales of alcohol to individuals under age from occurring; or use of minors so long as the law enforcement officer or merchant has obtained the prior written approval of the minor's parent or legal guardian and the juvenile court. The

consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian and the juvenile court shall not be required where the person is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(b) Under all circumstances, a law enforcement officer or merchant shall obtain the written approval of the minor's parent or legal guardian and the juvenile court before using a minor to perform illegal or delinquent acts for the purposes of aiding in the enforcement of the laws of this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.